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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF DERRY,

FOR THE YEAR

1846--7.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1846.		
March 5.	Paid R. Clendemin for breaking out road by Benjamin Wilson's,	1.50
Oct. 6.	Wm. Blake, labor on road last winter,	1.00
Dec. 26.	W. & J. Adams, breaking out road	2.00
1847.		
Jan. 16.	P. J. Horn, labor on bridge	4.50
"	Horne & Jeffers, breaking out roads,	4.00
"	S. Wilson, labor on Wilson road	3.00
"	L. W. Beal, as per bill	14.84
"	R. Jeffers, as per bill	17.50
" 30.	C. McMurphy, labor on bridge	.50
"	Palmer & Barker, 62 ft 2 inch plank	1.24
"	John Nichols, labor on bridge	3.00
"	N. Choate, for 1 bridge stringer	1.00
Feb. 6.	W. Dustin, plank and labor on bridge	1.10
"	E. Clark, labor on road	.62
" 13.	S. Bailey, labor on road	.50
"	J. H. Miltimore, labor on road and lumber for bridge	3.50
" 16.	W. Choate, 119 ft. 2 1-2 inch plank	2.98
" 20.	H. Choate, labor on Wilson road last y.	1.25
" 23.	H. Taylor, plank and labor on bridge in 1845	6.02
"	D. C. Palmer, guide boards	4.25
	Non-resident highway tax pd in labor	66.18
		$140.48

TRANSIENT POOR.

1846.			
Dec. 26.	Paid Zimri Johnson, nursing and funeral expenses of Leonard Dustin	11.48	
	S. Kimball, serving notice on Londonderry last year for support of Griffin family	3.44	
	W. Storer, coffin for L. Dustin	3.00	
1847.			
Feb. 13.	Dr. Farrar, medical attendance on L. Dustin and S. Mills	10.66	
"	D. J. Day, wood to M. Sargent	9.00	
"	Parker & Taylor, cloth for robe	.84	
"	J. Kelsey, wood to M. Sargent	2.25	
"	Wm. Ela, supplies to S. Mills	5.00	
" 23.	N. M. Taylor, wood to Rachel Taylor	11.17	
"	Parker & Taylor, goods to Mrs. Stevens	3.00	
"	Dr. Moore, medical attendance on Griffin family last year	9.00	
			$68.84

1846. TOWN OF DERRY

In account with David Anderson, at the Almshouse. *Dr.*

Paid G. D. Kelley for bread		1.25
R. Coburn for corn		1.70
C. Winch for 1 b. beans	2.13	
" 100 lbs. fish	2.00	
" 29 lbs. "	.87	
" 4 bushels salt	1.60	
		6.60
D. Bassett, one quart tar		.05
W. Storer, 3 window sashes and frames		1.75
J. Patten, witness fee		2.25
J. Anderson, labor in haying		2.00
J. March, shoeing horse	.80	
" shoeing oxen and horse	1.86	
" shoeing horse	.39	
" repairing sleigh	.25	
		3.30
G. D. Kelley, bread		.67
Expense to Lowell	.37	
1 bag of corn	1.65	
1 bushel bone meal	.50	
Tin ware	.64	

1 bottle ink	.20	
		——3.36
G. F. Adams, use of cider mill		.33
M. Adams, 1 quart oil		.50
S. Clark, difference between cow and heifer		6.00
Expenses to Methuen		.25
J. Knowlton, thread and awls		.14
J. Black, balance of accounts		.55
J. Gregg, labor and use of horse and wagon		2.50
J. G. Kelley, bread		.50
M. Moore, labor at haying		20.00
E. Adams, labor at hoeing		2.17
E. Clark, do.		1.25
4 lbs. nails and expense to Nashua		.65
Miss Hemphill, for spinning		3.37
Mrs. Hemphill, for weaving		1.87
D. Seavey, corn		7.92
M. J. Dickey,		3.37
T. Gay & Son, 1 bbl. flour,	4.62	
" 100 lbs. fish	2.63	
" 12 1-2 lbs. coffee	1.00	
		——8.25
Robinson & Stimson, 11 lbs. coffee	1.00	
4 lbs. S. tea, 1.12—6 lbs. H. tea, 2.00	3.12	
15 lbs. sugar, 1.00—1 bucket, .33	1.33	
1-2 lb. pepper, .07—1 oz. nutmeg, .10	.17	
1 oz. indigo, .11—6 yards calico, .75	.86	
1 box hooks and eyes	.04	
		——6.52
M. Clark, witness fee		.56
J. Gregg, do.		.56
J. Patten, do.		.50
For my services as Superintendent at the Almshouse 1 year, to April, 1847		180.00
		$270.72

Contra. *Cr.*

By cash rec'd of B. H. Hughes for 1 shote	5.60
J. Taylor for wool	9.38
J. Robinson for eggs	1.22
I. Cochran for 2 pigs	3.00
M. Adams for a calf	3.25
J. Messer for lambs	13.33
J. Webster for potatoes	2.25
J. Messer for lambs and calf-skin	10.92

J. Anderson for 1 pig	2.25	
J. Anderson, balance ac'ts	.25	
J. Hughes for 2 pigs	4.00	
S. Wilson for 1 pig	2.00	
At Lowell for rye straw	7.32	
J. Perkins for 3 bbls. apples	3.75	
J. Barker for 4 bbls. apples	5.00	
J. Holmes for hides	3.88	
At Methuen for rye straw	10.46	
Of Town Treasurer, May 30th 1846	10.00	
Of M. Adams for a calf	2.25	
Cash to balance ac't	170.61	
		$270.72

February 24, 1847.

ALMS HOUSE. Dr.

1846.		
May 30.	To cash paid superintendent	$10.00
Dec. 16.	" paid Dr. Wallace, med. attend.	15.78
1847.		
Jan. 30.	D. Barrett, 1 bbl. flour	5.75
" "	Barker & Palmer, sawing and lumber	16.12
Feb. 6.	J. Palmer, cloth dressing and carding	4.93
" "	pd. schoolhouse tax on farm	12.29
" "	pd Bailey Parker & Co. per bill	14.95
" 13.	pd L. Wilson, blacksmithing	2.00
" "	pd John Patten for wood	13.67
" "	pd Parker & Taylor, per bill	12.20
" "	L. Bricket, blacksmithing	1.77
" 20.	A. F. Hall, per bill	47.47
" "	F. W. Bailey's estate, per bill	6.12
" 23.	B. F. Gregg, balance acc't	2.03
" "	D. Anderson, balance services	170.61
" "	S. Adams for lime and plaster	2.95
" "	R. W. Thompson, blacksmithing	3.33
		$341.97

1846.	CR.		
Oct. 13.	By 1 yoke oxen sold	$60.00	
1847.			
Feb. 24.	" cash for county poor	266.00	
			$326.00
	Amount of expense at alms-house		$15.97

1846. CONTINGENT EXPENSE. Dr.

Feb. 28.	Pd. Woodbury Storer for Pound	$1.88	
Mar. 2.	" Auditors for 1845-6	5.31	
" 8.	printing town account 1845	24.00	
" "	recording Tucker deed	.50	
" "	L. Harper ex. about town acc'ts	9.00	
" 12.	Moses Webster, guarantee tax list	15.00	
May 2.	D. C. Swain, damage to ox	18.00	
" 20.	J. Porter, procuring county money	3.00	
1847.			
Feb. 6.	J. A. Gregg, postages	1.35	
" "	W. Anderson, surveying & depo'ns	7.39	
" "	E. Cogswell, taking care grave-yard	7.25	
" 13.	L. Wilson, for tools for grave yard	1.04	
" "	Parker & Taylor, per bill	10.34	
" "	Parker & Taylor, stationery	1.14	
" 20.	W. Nichols, notifying town officers	5.00	
" 23.	J. Porter, per bill	65.00	
" 24.	Moses Webster, for tax bills, &c.	2.25	
" "	" " collecting taxes 1846	42.61	
			$220.06

SCHOOLS.

Paid District No. 1.		
Oct. 26th, 1846,	$70.00	
Feb. 20th, 1847,	103.34	
		$173.34
Paid District No. 2.		
Oct. 23d, 1846,	$70.00	
Feb. 13th, 1847,	96.89	
		$166.89
Paid District No. 3.		
Oct. 17th, 1846,	$45.00	
Feb. 4th, 1847,	25.05	
		$70.05
Paid District No. 4.		
Oct. 13th, 1846,	$37.00	
Feb. 23d, 1847,	57.69	
		$94.69
Paid District No. 5.		
Sept. 4th, 1846,	$16.00	
Feb. 1st, 1847,	30.86	
		$46.86
Paid District No. 6.		
Dec. 16th, 1846,		$47.86
Paid District No. 7.		
Aug 7th, 1846,	$25.00	
Dec. 26th, 1846,	68.05	
		$93.05
Paid District No. 8.		
Oct. 13th, 1846,	$26.00	
Feb. 16th, 1847,	61.39	
		$87.39
Paid District No. 9.		
Aug. 21st, 1846,	$15.00	
Feb. 23d, 1847,	46.61	
		$61.61
Paid District No. 10.		
Jan. 16th, 1847,		$26.81
Paid District No. 11.		
Oct. 28th, 1846,	$30.00	
Jan. 15th, 1847,	22.02	
		$52.02
Balance,		$920.57

COUNTY POOR OUT OF ALMS-HOUSE.

1846.

June, 7. Paid N. H. Asylum for support of Sarah Cowdry $43.48

pd. Dr. Wallace medical attendance Ferguson family 9.88

pd. M. Jewett for wood to Lois Collins 5.50

C. McMurphy sawing wood Lois Collins .67

pd. Bailey Parker & Co. for supplies to Ferguson family 11.61

pd. Parker & Taylor for supplies to Ferguson family 4.00

pd. Parker & Taylor for supplies to Lois Collins 20.00

pd. Nathan'l Brown for wood to Lois Collins 2.50

pd. N. H. Asylum for support of Sarah Cowdry 49.34

pd. Dr. J. C. Eastman medical attendance Ferguson family 6.75

1847

Feb. Dr. Farrar medical attendance Lois Collins 4.42

pd. A. F. Hall for supplies to Ferguson family 2.80

pd. T. Sargent for sawing wood for Lois Collins 2.00

——$162.95

1847.

Feb. 24, Cr. by cash rec'd from county $33.09

Bal. due from county, $129.86

L. W. BEALS' BILL.

1846.

April 25, To 1 day's labor on highway of self, oxen and plough $2.00

To paid E. Gifford for labor on same 1.00 3.00

August 12, To 3 days' work self and oxen 5.00

To paid Kershaw for labor and use of plough 3 days 3.50

Paid Evans for 3 days' labor 2.50

" E. Gifford for 1 day's labor .84

———$14.84

R. JEFFERS' BILL.

1846.

Aug. 20. To 850 feet plank	$8.50	
4 stringers	5.00	
Oxen 2 1-2 days	2.50	
Self 1 1-2 days	1.50	
		$17.50

J. PORTER'S BILL.

1846.

August 3. To fee in B. Wilson and others' petition for highway	$5.00	
Aug. 8. Fee in action N. Butrick and D. Anderson before L. Harper	5.00	
Action Butrick vs. Anderson	6.00	
Making 2 long special pleas in said action, and also fee in service before L. Harper	10.00	
Fees in action Hooksett vs. Derry	6.00	
Fee before road commissioners petition of B. Wilson and others	5.00	
One day depositions B. vs. A.	5.00	
For Butrick vs. Anderson	5.00	
Attending pauper accounts before judges	5.00	
Fees B. Wilson and others highway	3.00	
Advice selectmen and retainers	10.00	
		$65.00

PARKER & TAYLOR'S BILL.

1846.

May 22. To 2 5-8 yds bro. cloth for bier cloth	8.20	
8 1-2 yds. Ribbon	.68	
3 skns. silk	.12	
Paid for binding cloth	.42	
1 cast-steel shovel	.92	
		$10.34

A. F. HALL'S BILL.

1846.

April 1. To 10 1-2 lb coffee	1.00	
12 lb sugar	1.00	
1-2 lb snuff	.14	
1 bag salt	.38	
1 lash	.10	
" 3. 7 galls molasses	2.33	
10 yds sheeting	.90	

	Faucet and Rosin	.29
" 9.	16 1-2 lb fish	.41
	1 1-2 B. herds grass seed	3.75
	12 lb clover seed	1.68
" 13	2 lb tea	.67
	1-2 lb cassia	.15
	1-2 lb Pimento, and 1-2 doz thread	.18
" 19	3 1-2 yds sheeting	.49
	3-4 " muslin	.44
	1 spool thread	.06
" 25	Pins and needles	.15
	Comb and thread	.08
	1-2 lb snuff	.14
May 2.	33 1-4 lb fish	1.00
	1-2 lb tea	.28
" 13	1 lb tea and 1 do do	.92
	1 tin pan and saleratus	.19
" 24	1 pair shoes and two primmers	1.50
June 8.	Buttons and hooks and eyes	.11
	Saleratus and thread and soap	.21
" 16	Glass and snuff	.30
	7 gallons molasses	2.33
	Ginger and rice	.34
" 20	40 yards sheeting and thread	3.86
	1 lb ginger and one doz buttons	.18
" 26	1 bushel salt	.58
July 13.	Crockery ware &c	.38
August 2.	29 lb fish	1.02
	Crockery ware and starch	.37
" 8.	Saleratus and salt	.57
	Pepper sauce and earthern ware	.33
" 10.	37 1-2 lb fish	1.32
	1 lb sulphur	.12
	Nails and nutmegs	.77
Sept. 7.	3 lb nails	.15
" 18.	1 B. salt and bucket	.83
" 26.	Sugar, saleratus and tea	2.06
" 30.	4 lb tea	1.60
	1 pr salt dishes	.25
	Handkerchief, thread &c	.47
	10 lb rice and 2 buckets	.95
Oct. 6	9 yards flannel	1.13
Nov. 12.	Saleratus and dye woods	.33
	2 knives	.43
	30 lbs. fish	1.13

Nov.17	2 lbs. raisins and thread	.28	
" 24	2 1-2 b. salt	1.45	
	1 bag salt and 1 almanac	.31	
Dec. 1	11 lbs. coffee	1.00	
	Pepper, ginger and nails	.42	
" 14	Glass and oil	.43	
" 25	32 lbs. salt	.48	
1847.			
Jan. 12	4 yards drilling and needles	.63	
" 20	12 lbs. rice and saleratus	.74	
" 27	4 yards sheeting	.36	
	4 lbs. sugar	.30	
	1 lb. tea	.62	
	1 dozen plates	.58	
	1-2 dozen plates and 1 bowl	.35	
	2 lbs sugar and 1 platter	.39	
Feb. 13	1 1-2 b. salt	1.12	
	57 1-2 lbs fish	2.16	
			$51.84

	Contra.		*Cr.*
1846.			
April 8	By 4 dozen eggs	.40	
July 21	Eggs	.87	
Oct. 6	Buckets returned	.50	
Nov. 24	13 pairs feeting	2.60	
			4.37
			$47.47

BAILEY, PARKER & CO.'S BILL.

1846.			
Feb. 13	For 1 bottle peppermint	.10	
	1 lb snuff	.25	
	1 writing book	.10	
Mar. 12	Coffee and molasses	.87	
" 19	30 lbs fish	1.05	
	Sugar, tea and cinnamon	1.20	
" 24	6 lbs saleratus	.36	
" 25	1 gallon molasses	.32	
April 1	1 lb cassia and 1 whip	.43	
" 9	Blank book and needles	.22	
" 13	1 bushel salt	.56	
May 8	2 lbs tobacco	.25	
" 16	1 shovel and garden seeds	1.15	
June 11	Sole leather	1.00	

July 4	4 lbs sugar and 2 lbs tobacco	.65	
	Broom, cassia and snuff	.67	
" 13	Castor oil and camphor	.32	
	2 lbs saleratus and seeds	.25	
" 24	Tea, mustard and thread	.65	
Aug. 22	7 gallons molasses	1.75	
Sept. 18	12 lbs tobacco	2.40	
" 24	Hat, nails and needles	40.00	
			$14.95

ESTATE F. W. BAILEY'S BILL.

1846.			
Oct. 29.	To 2 lb snuff and awls	.62	
Nov. 11.	Sole leather	5.17	
" 23.	Crockery ware and pepper	.33	
			$6.12

PARKER AND TAYLOR'S BILL.

1846.			
March 18.	1 lb tea and 3 lb tobacco	1.10	
June 2.	1 white wash brush	.75	
	1 pair thick boots	2.25	
Nov. 3.	1 broom	.16	
	Alum and nails	.13	
" 28.	7 gallons molasses	2.24	
	2 lb tea and 1-2 lb Cassia	1.06	
	1 paper tacks	.08	
Dec. 19.	3 lb tea	1.35	
	3 balls wick and combs	.22	
Jan. 9.	24 lbs fish and 1-2 lb spice	.94	
	12 yds sheeting and buttons	1.08	
" 23.	3 yds sheeting for robe	.38	
	Paid recording deed	.46	
			$12.20

TOWN OFFICERS

Samuel Adams, Treasurer		20.00	
James Choate	Selectmen	46.61	
Joseph Montgomery	Selectmen	69.24	
Nathaniel M. Taylor	Selectmen	68.57	
			$184.42

TOWN OF DERRY TO JAMES CHOATE	DR.
1846.	
Mar. 12, To one day on Town business	1.18
20, 1-2 day hiring superintendent poor house	.59
28, 1-2 day at almshouse	.59
Apr 15, 11 1-2 days taking invoice	13.57
30, 4 days regulating invoice book, carrying out invoice, assessing highway tax and making highway warrants	4.72
May 2, 1 day making school invoice books	1.18
20, 1 day at almshouse	1.18
26 & 27, 2 days making taxes	2.36
28, 1 day making school house taxes, &c.	1.18
Jun 27, 1 day in relation to petition S. Stevens & others	1.18
Aug. 8, half day at village on town business	.59
22, half day at village and almshouse	.59
25, half day on road Derry Peak	.59
Sep. 15, half day on school district business, No. 4	.59
Oct. 6, half day do. do. do. No. 8	.59
13, half day preparing to meet road commissioners	.59
21, 1 day with road commissioners	1.18
26, half day on town business	.59
Dec. 26, half day at Parker & Taylor's	.59
1847	
Jan. 4, half day on town business	.59
12, half day do. do.	.59
16, half day at Parker & Taylor's	.59
18, half day on petition H. Mills and others	.59
19, 1 day at almshouse, buying wood, and other business	1.18
25, 1 day at Mr. Porter's, taking depositions	1.18
30, half day at Parker & Taylor's	.59
Feb. 6, half day at Cameron's, drawing orders	.59
12, half day at Cameron's, 1-2 day on account of Mrs. Wilson	1.18
17, 1 day making town warrant and other business	1.18
19, half day on town business	.59
20, 1-2 day at almshouse, 1-2 day Parker & Taylor's	1.18
23 & 24, one & half days making orders, first March one day with auditors	2.95
	$46.61

TOWN OF DERRY TO J. MONTGOMERY	DR.
1846.	
Mar 12, To 1-2 day on town business	.59
20, 1-2 day hiring superintendent almshouse	.59

Mar. 27,	half day taking inventory at almshouse	.59
	making invoice book	1.50
Apr. 1, 15,	12 days taking invoice	14.16
27, 29,	3 days making highway taxes	3.54
30,	1 day making taxes and warrants	1.18
May 1,	half day settling with J. Brown	.59
2,	1 day making taxes and book for school tax	1.18
20,	half day making taxes	.59
22,	half day on pauper case	.59
25, 27,	3 days making taxes	3.54
28, 30,	3 days making war. and tax lists for col.	3.54
June 6,	half day examining records of Londonderry	.59
	Recording resident invoice and taxes	3.00
	Do. non resident do. do.	2.00
	Do. schoolhouse do. for dis. Nos. 6, 8, & 9	1.00
July 31,	1 day on town business	1.18
Sept. 4,	half day at school district No. 4	.59
19,	1 day at Chester on pauper case	1.18
24,	2-3 day on town business	.75
Oct. 3,	1 day at Goffstown on pauper case	1.18
	Expense	1.50
6,	half day at school district No. 8	.59
10,	half day procuring money for town	.59
13,	One day on B. Wilson r. route & other business	1.18
21,	One day with road commissioners at Chester	1.18
24,	Two-thirds day on town business	.75
27,	half day on town business	.59
Nov. 6 & 7,	One day on town business	1.18
27,	One day at Sandown to perambulate town line	1.18
Dec. 26,	One half day giving orders	.59
31,	One day making schoolhouse taxes	1.18
1847.		
Jan. 12,	One and one half days making warrants and collector lists of schoolhouse taxes	1.75
16,	Half day giving orders	.59
19,	One day run. lines and buying wood for P. F.	1.18
30,	Half day giving orders	.59
Feb. 6,	One day making Co. pauper ac't & giving or.	1.18
13,	Half day giving orders	.59
17,	One day making town war. and other business	1.18
18,	One day making two check lists	1.18
19,	Half day making copies of warrants	.59
20,	One day settling with superintendent of Almshouse and giving orders	1.18
23,	Half day giving orders	.59
24,	One day settling with collector and treasurer	1.18

Select Clerk's services for the year	2.00
One day with Auditors	1.18
	$69.24

TOWN OF DERRY TO NATH'L M. TAYLOR		DR.
Mar 12 '46.	To 1 day on town business	$1.18
" 20.	1-2 day hiring supt. alms house	.59
" 27.	1-2 day at the alms house	.59
" 31.	1-2 day case of Mrs. Wilson	.59
April 1—15.	11 1-2 days taking invoice	13.57
May 3.	5 days carrying out invoice and making taxes	5.90
" 20.	1 day making taxes	1.18
" 22.	Part of a day on town business	.45
" 26.—30.	3 days making taxes & town business	3.54
June 15.	Part of a day on petition of Simon Stevens and others	.65
July 11.	1-2 day on town business	.59
	1-2 day on town business	.59
	Part of day at Londonderry for deed	.70
Aug. 7.	1-2 day at town business	.59
Sept. 4.	1-2 day school district No. 4	.59
Oct. 6.	1-2 day school dist No. 8	.59
Oct. 18.	Part of a day on petition of Benjamin Wilson and others	.75
" 21.	1 day with road commissioners at Chester	1.18
27, Nov. 5.	1 day on town business	1.18
Nov. 27.	1 day perambulating line between Derry and Sandown	1.18
Dec. 26.	1-2 day giving orders	.59
" 30.	1 day making school house taxes	1.18
Jan. 4. '47	1-2 day on town business	.59
" 16.	1-2 day giving orders	.59
" 18.	half day on petition Hugh Mills and others	.59
" 19.	1 day purchasing wood and other business	1.18
" 31.	half day giving orders	.59
Feb. 6.	half day giving orders	.59
" 13.	half day giving orders	.59
" 17.	one day making town warrant	1.18
" 19.	half day on business	.59
" 20.	one day case Mrs. Stevens and giving orders	1.18
" 23.	half day giving orders	.59
" 24.	one day set. with collector and treasurer	1.18
Mar. 1.	one day with auditors	1.18
		$48.57

DISBURSEMENTS AND RECEIPTS BY THE SELECTMEN IN THE YEAR 1846–7.

	DR.	
Paid State Tax,	$470.40	
" County Tax,	458.87	
" for schools,	920.57	
" District No. 4, for school-house	463.51	
" District No. 6, for school-house	62.47	
" District No. 8, for school-house	157.17	
" District No. 9, for school-house	205.03	
" Town notes, principal and interest	3616.90	
" Roads and bridges	140.48	
" Support of poor at almshouse	15.97	
" Transient poor	68.84	
" Contingent expense acc't	220.06	
" Military bounties for 1845	18.00	
" Abatement of taxes	73.19	
" Outstanding orders for 1845–6	328.04	
" Due from Rockingham Co.	129.86	
" Selectmen's services,	164.42	
" Treasurer's services	20.00	
Due from Londonderry	7.00	
Due from Salem	5.00	
Due from Moses Webster, taxes	926.79	
Cash in treasury, March 1st, '47,	723.89	
		$9196.46

		CR.	
By Cash in treasury, March 1, '46		$317.07	
" Cash rec'd of W. Webster, taxes '45,		569.55	
" Cash rec'd of county, June, '46		36.25	
" Railroad tax from State		94.50	
" Lit'y fund rec'd of state	62.25	86.25	
" Int. on permanent fund	24.00		
" Money borrowed		3389.00	
" Resident tax list '46		3059.90	
" Non-resident tax list "		312.89	
" School-house tax, No. 6		62.56	
" School-house tax, No. 8		157.17	
" School-house tax, No. 4		463.51	
" School-house tax, No. 9		205.03	
" Outstanding orders, March 1st, '47		442.78	
			$9196.46

NOTES DUE FROM THE TOWN, MAR. 1, 1847.

Date.	To whom Due.	Principal.	Interest.	Am't.
1843.				
Apr. 10.	Moses Adams	$266.95	$55.74	$322.69
1844.				
Apr. 15.	Parker Adams	856.72	127.59	984.31
1845.				
Jan'y 1.	William Moor	117.00	13.07	130.07
1846.				
Jan. 11.	George Moor	375.00	21.53	396.53
Jan. 27.	Isaac Colby	250.00	13.64	263.64
Jan. 29.	William Ela	546.46	29.67	576.13
Jan. 29.	William Ela	398.66	22.24	410.30
Feb. 13.	George N. Warner	300.00	16.34	316.34
Feb. 14.	Moses Webster	100.00	5.25	105.25
Feb. 20.	Jane Moor	380.00	19.51	399.51
Nov. 7.	Samuel Campbell	310.00	4.83	314.83
Dec. 10.	Luther Bailey	133.00	1.44	134.44
Dec. 11.	Robert Campbell	186.00	2.07	188.07
Oct. 28.	Derry Bank $1025			
End'sd Nov. 11, '46, 106				
"	Dec. 11, '46, 319--425-600.00		19.41	619.41
1847.				
Jan. 16.	Mary Davis	160.00	1.00	161.00
Feb. 13.	Nehemiah Choate	575.00	1.20	576.20
				$5898.72

The town is also indebted for outstanding orders this day	$442.78	
For amount Literary Fund	400.00	
Balance to Edmund Adams, Jr.	6.00	
		$848.78
		$6747.50

Due to the town on tax list for 1846, in Moses Webster's hands	$926.79
Due to the town on a note for the amount of Literary Fund	400.00
Due from Londonderry	7.00
Due from Salem	5.00
Claim against Rockingham Co. in 1845-6	174.20
Claim against Rockingham Co. in 1846-7	129.86

Cash in Treasury this day	723.89	
		$2366.74
Balance, being amount of town debt		$4380.76

JAMES CHOATE,
JOSEPH MONTGOMERY,
NATHANIEL M. TAYLOR, } Selectmen of Derry.

The undersigned Auditors have examined the foregoing accounts of the town, as presented by the Selectmen, and find the same correctly cast and well vouched.

NATHANIEL PARKER,
HENRY TAYLOR,
WILLIAM ANDERSON, } Auditors.

Derry, March 1, 1847.

REMARKS.

The amount of debt against the town on the first day of March, 1846, was four thousand nine hundred ninety-six dollars seventy-three cents: it is now four thousand three hundred eighty dollars seventy-six cents; making the debt of the town six hundred fifteen dollars ninety-seven cents less than at the beginning of the current year. The outstanding claims represented as due from the County for the last two years, should not be relied on as unquestionable, as evidence has not been sufficient fully to substantiate them. There is however a prospect that a part if not all may yet be paid.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The superintending School committee submit the following Report:

All the teachers employed, have been examined and approbated by us. The schools have been visited by one or more of the committee, at their commencement and their close, and such suggestions made to the teachers, and pupils as we thought calculated to aid them in their respective duties. We as usual found some things to commend, and some to censure. On the whole we think the general character of the schools has been raised during the last year. Still we have to regret many remaining defects.

The *reading* we are sorry to say with a few exceptions is yet of an indifferent character. There are great defects in pronunciation; in the want of appropriate emphasis and animation, together with a clear, and full development of the voice. The articulation is often thick and indistinct, accompanied with a disagreeable dragging nasal sound. The reading is not unfrequently hurried, and in a strained, unnatural tone. The Committee have taken special pains in their examination of teachers, and when they have visited them in their schools to impress upon their minds the importance of giving special attention to this most important part of a primary education. And it is due to some of the Teachers to say, that they have made commendable efforts to remedy the defects of which we have been speaking.

More attention has been given to *spelling* the past year than formerly; and we are happy to say with success.

Some Teachers have exhibited to us at the close of their schools, handsome writing books, with scarcely a *blot*, a line of *scribbling*, or a word of *bad spelling* on a single page. Others have shown us books which indicate throughout, unpardonable carelessness on the part of the Teachers and scholars.

A very large proportion of the older scholars in each school have attended to *Grammar*, and are able to parse in prose and poetry with a good degree of propriety.

Geography is extensively introduced into all the schools, and the classes appear interested in this study.

Arithmetic has received a good share of attention. Many of the scholars have gone through Smith's and Adams's Arithmetic.

In a few of the schools, Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Algebra, and the higher branches of education have been attended to.

The order and government of the schools have been in most instances good, and the general deportment and morals of the scholars as represented by their teachers, such as entitle them to commendation. There have been however, some few instances of *insubordination*, which *we most deeply regret.*

The Committee are happy to notice an awakened interest to the condition of our school-houses. One new house has been erected, and three others have been remodeled and finished in a manner well calculated to promote the convenience of both Teacher and pupils. Stoves have been introduced into all the School Houses, which are a great improvement upon the large fire places, recently used in some of the Houses, in point of comfort and economy.—There are three Houses still, which the Committee would be glad to see reconstructed.

The annexed schedule will present a concise view of each school, the number of scholars, different studies, &c., &c.

STATISTICS OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

(See Note, at bottom of the page.)

SUMMER, 1846.

No. Dis.	Teacher.	School commenc'd	Length of School.	Wages per month.	No. attending School.	Average Attendance
No. 1.	Marcia P. Choate,	May 4.	21 weeks.		54	37
No. 2.	L. A. L. Taylor,	May 4.	20 weeks.	$ 8.00.	83	52
No. 3.	Mary Montgomery,	May 18.	14 weeks.	$ 6.00.	40	30
No. 4.	Almira A. Adams,	June 1.	16 weeks.		41	38
No. 7.	Ann G. Morrison,	June 1.	11 weeks.	$ 5.00.	57	32
No. 8.	Caroline Choate,	May 25.	12 weeks.	$ 5.00.	54	43
No. 10.	No School.					
No. 11.	Harriet E. Morrison,	May 12.	23 weeks.	$ 5.00.	22	16

WINTER, 1846 & 1847.

No. 1.	S. J. Humphrey,	Nov. 30.	13 weeks.	$22.00.	45	34
No. 2.	S. F. Humphrey,	Nov. 30.	11 1-2 "	$22.00.	61	43
No. 3.	Mary Montgomery,	Nov. 9.	12 weeks.	$ 8.00.	35	25
No. 4.	H. E. Eastman,	Dec. 21.	10 weeks.	$18.00.	46	36
No. 10.	Clarissa Campbell,					
No. 11.	Included in sum. sch.					

Note.—We have given the statistics of all the Schools from which we have received returns. And we would suggest to the Prudential Committees, that the Teachers cannot *legally* draw pay for their services until they have left the proper returns with the Superintending Committee. It should be made a matter of inquiry whether this is done before payment is made.

In concluding this report, the clergymen composing the committee would wish to say a word in relation to their personal services. They have heretofore served with cheerfulness and pleasure on this committee. But the revisions of our laws are almost annually laying new burdens upon the Superintending Committee; some of which it is difficult and undesirable that a clergyman should bear. The arbitration of disputes in relation to the dismission of scholars, and teachers, where the strongest feeling of whole neighborhoods is enlisted for and against the parties, is incompatible, as will at once be seen, with our station as Religious Teachers. It gives rise to personal animosities which neither we nor many of our parishioners wish us to incur. The Committee would therefore submit to the Town whether it is not desirable to enlarge the Committee so as to make it consist of *five—three* of whom at least shall be *laymen*: and in case of arbitration, it will be competent for them being the majority of the committee to decide. As a farther consideration for the enlargement, it may be stated that *three* is the lowest number which the law will allow, while five is perhaps a more common number for the superintending committee in other towns.

E. L. PARKER,
P. B. DAY,
E. P. PARKER,
} *Superintending School Committee.*

Derry, March 3, 1847.